

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI**

STATE OF MISSOURI, *et al.*,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.) Civil Action No. 24-cv-1316
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF)
EDUCATION, *et al.*,)
Defendants.¹)

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court’s April 9, 2025 Order (ECF 85), the parties submit this Joint Status Report regarding outstanding matters in this case and “whether a live case or controversy remains in this action under Article III.” In recent weeks, counsel for the parties have met and conferred about possible paths toward a negotiated resolution of this litigation. Those discussions have included the subject of “whether a live case or controversy remains in this action under Article III,” April 9, 2025 Order, a subject on which the parties currently have a dispute. Additionally, the parties note that a bill was introduced in Congress on April 28, 2025,² which includes statutory changes that, if enacted, may affect the claims presented by Plaintiff States.

¹ Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), Donald J. Trump is automatically substituted as a defendant in his official capacity as President of the United States, for his predecessor Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Linda E. McMahon is likewise automatically substituted as a defendant in her official capacity as Secretary of Education, for her predecessor Miguel A. Cardona.

² Z. Schermele, *Republicans propose massive overhaul of student loans, Pell Grants*, USA TODAY (Apr. 28, 2025), <https://perma.cc/DJP3-RULR>.

In light of the foregoing, the parties respectfully request that the Court allow the parties to continue their discussions regarding further proceedings and file a further status report in 60 days (or separate status reports, if the parties cannot reach an agreement regarding next steps).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE & COMPLIANCE

I hereby certify that, on May 9, 2025, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was electronically filed through the Court's CM/ECF System and that a copy of the foregoing will be sent via email to all parties by operation of the Court's electronic filing system, consistent with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(b)

I further certify that the foregoing document contains 2 pages, exclusive of matters designated for omission, as counted by Microsoft Word 2016.

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